January 16th
Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) All delusion thou boundest fast, O Apostle, when

thou thyself wast bound up and thrown into

prison for the Lord. Wherefore, with longing we

honor thee and reverence thy chains with faith;

and drawing forth therefrom health of body and

mighty grace that doth save the soul, as is due, we ex-

toll thee, O thou rival of the bodyless as-

semblies, thrice-blessed Peter, thou seer of God.
2) Through thy means have the scattered tribes of the nations, which
formerly were caught fast in ignorance,
come to know our God. Of them a type was revealed when once a vessel containing all
living creatures was brought down from the heights, O all-blessed one. Wherefore, ev'ry age glorifieth and
worshippeth the chains which thou didst wear, O wise Apostle, with fervent zeal in behalf of Christ.
3) Him Whom thou didst deny when judged didst thou praise when He rose again from the dead, O Peter, and unto all the world thou wentest forth and didst preach that He is truly both God and man, Who conversed with mortal men in His goodness, which hath no end. Wherefore, now with love we all bless thee, while worshiping the chains which thou didst wear, O wise Apostle, for Christ our God, O all-laughted one.